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GAFFALIONE CONTINUES CHURCHILL DOWNS DOMINANCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, June 12, 2022) – Since jockey Tyler Gaffalione arrived on the Churchill Downs scene in 2018 he's dominated the standings. And, with 16 days left of the 2022 Spring Meet, Gaffalione is on track to record the most wins in the Spring Meet in the last decade.

Through 27 days of the 44-day Spring Meet, Gaffalione has found the winner's circle 37 times for a 1.37 win/day average. He's on pace to record 60 wins at the meet, which would be the most since **Corey Lanerie**'s 71 victories in 2012.

Gaffalione has won many types of races this meet from \$8,000 claiming events to the Grade I, \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic aboard **Santin**. Out of the 37 wins, Gaffalione has won for 16 different trainers – **Joe Sharp** (6 wins), **Steve Asmussen** (5), **Mike Maker** (5), **Greg Foley** (4), **Todd Pletcher** (3), **Robert Medina** (2), **Brendan Walsh** (2), **Wesley Ward** (2) and has had one win for **Rusty Arnold**, **Gerald Bennett**, **Chad Brown**, **Mark Casse**, **Norm Casse**, **Brad Cox**, **Robertino Diodoro** and **Mike Lauer**.

When Gaffalione has won races this Spring Meet, they've been in bunches. There were only two days when Gaffalione found the winner's circle that he didn't win multiple races on the card. He's had 13 multi-win days including four-win days on May 15, June 4 and June 8.

As much as 27-year-old Gaffalione has controlled the standings, he will have a lot of work to do to win the most races ever in the Spring Meet. In 1991, **Pat Day** recorded an astounding 90 wins in the 55-day meet for a 1.64 win/day average. The most victories Gaffalione has recorded at a Churchill Downs Spring Meet was when he won the 2021 title with 47 wins.

The complete list of annual Churchill Downs riding champions and their win totals can be found on www.kentuckyderby.com/media.

Following two days riding at Belmont Park, Gaffalione returned Sunday where he had mounts in Races 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Gaffalione is represented by agent **Matt Muzikar**, who also books the races for the No. 2 rider in the Spring Meet standings **Ricardo Santana Jr.** (20 wins). They're followed by **Rafael Bejarano** (18), **Brian Hernandez Jr.** (17) and **Florent Geroux** (15).

Overall, Gaffalione has won seven Churchill Downs including the last six meets. His first title came in the 2018 Fall Meet.

MONOMOY GIRL STAKES PROBABLES – Next Saturday's featured race at Churchill Downs is the \$160,000 Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles. Here are the probable entrants according to Churchill Downs Assistant Racing Secretary and Stakes Coordinator **Dan Bork**: **Imogene Malvina** (trainer Ignacio Correas IV), **Society** (Steve Asmussen) along with possible entrants **Famed** (Brad Cox) and **Interstatedaydream** (Cox).

The inaugural running of the Monomoy Girl Stakes is named after the stellar champion mare who was conditioned by Cox. Monomoy Girl won six of seven starts at Churchill Downs including victories in the 2020 La Troienne (GI) and 2018 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

CHURCHILL DOWNS LIVE AVAILABLE ON SMART TVs – The **Churchill Downs LIVE** app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Fans can download the Churchill Downs LIVE app for full access to a free HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the saddling paddock.

Fans will get analysis each race day from expert handicapper/host **Joe Kristufek** who will be joined alongside **Kaitlin Free**, **James Scully**, **Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

Wagering is available on www.TwinSpires.com, the official ADW of Churchill Downs Incorporated and the Kentucky Derby.

DOWN THE STRETCH – The 20-cent Derby City 6 jackpot had a mandatory payout Sunday. The sequence spanned Races 4-9 and had a carryover of \$6,043. The \$1 Super Hi 5 in Race 9 also had a carryover of \$18,236. First post was 12:45 p.m. ... Kentucky Derby winner **Mandaloun** continued his training at Churchill Downs with a half-mile work in :48.20 outside regular workmate **Fulsome** ... For more information about the Spring Meet, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- **Promotion:** Military Appreciation Day/Flag Day – Active members and veterans of the military are invited to enjoy a day at the races as Churchill Downs celebrates and honors America's service men and women for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
 - Active and retired military receive free general admission with a valid military I.D.
 - Discounted \$32 Millionaires Row or Skye Terrace tickets
 - Nashville recording artist and Top 8 on The Voice Season 21 Lana Scott will perform National Anthem at 1:55 p.m.
 - UAW Local 862 Veterans Committee Color Guard will present the colors prior to the National Anthem
 - Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Special Tactics Squadron will have a special C130 military aircraft flyover in honor of Travis Brown and to bring awareness to the difficulties of deployed warriors.
 - Charitable partners Active Heroes and Dogs Helping Heroes will be on hand.
 - Bugler Steve Buttleman will salute military members with patriotic themes following the Call to Post for each race.
- **Racing:** 9 Races; Day 28 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf:** Fast/Off
- **Carryovers:**
 - 20-cent Derby City 6 (\$6,043) – Mandatory Payout
 - \$1 Super Hi 5 (\$5,995)
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 2 (1:14 p.m.) – \$160,000 Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes, 3yo f, 7 F
 - Race 4 (2:13 p.m.) – Alw 127000n1x, f&m, 5 ½ F (T)
 - Race 5 (2:45 p.m.) – OC 80000n3x, f&m, 1 1/16 M
 - Race 6 (3:18 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&up, 6 F
 - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – OC 62500n2x, 3&up, 6 F
 - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – \$225,000 Matt Winn (GIII), 3yo, 1 1/16 M
 - Race 9 (4:55 p.m.) – OC 80000n1x, 3yo, 1 M (T)
- **Featured Simulcasts:**
 - Bel 3 (2:03 p.m.) – \$150,000 Jersey Girl, 3yo f, 6 F
 - SA 9 (8:03 p.m.) – \$200,000 Summertime Oaks (GII), 3yo f, 1 1/16 M
- **Milestone Watch:**
 - Trainer Rusty Arnold (397 Churchill Downs wins) – one entry Sunday (Race 9)
 - Jockey Marcelino Pedroza Jr. (97 Churchill Downs wins) – no mounts Sunday
 - Jockey Joe Rocco Jr. (197 Churchill Downs wins) – one mount Sunday (Race 4)
- **Meet Leading Jockeys:** Tyler Gaffalione (37); Ricardo Santana Jr. (20); Rafael Bejarano (18); Brian Hernandez Jr. (17); Florent Geroux (15)
- **Meet Leading Trainers:** Steve Asmussen (14); Brad Cox (14); Mike Maker (10); Joe Sharp (9); Rusty Arnold (8); Kenny McPeek (8); Brendan Walsh (8)
- **Meet Leading Owners:** Juddmonte (4); Rigney Racing LLC (4); Silverton Hill LLC (4); Albaugh Family Stables LLC (3); Steve Asmussen (3); Peter Brant (3); Godolphin LLC (3); David E. Miller (3); Stonestreet Stables LLC (3); Gary and Mary West (3)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Mostly cloudy, 88. South wind around 8 mph.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-2:30 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- **Racing:** 8 Races; Day 29 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:22 p.m.
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 4 (2:13 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 2yo f, 4 ½ F
 - Race 6 (3:18 p.m.) – OC 80000n3x, f&m, 1 M (T)
 - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – Alw 127000n1x, 3&up, 1 M
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny and hot, 98.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-5 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- **Promotion:** Twilight Thursday – \$2 select domestic can beer, live music (Piper Madison), food trucks (MRC's Cheesecake; All Thaid Up; Crave a Go Go; Crave Street Kitchen; and Flavorville)
- **Racing:** 8 Races; Day 30 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 4 p.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 5-8:23 p.m.
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 2 (5:29 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 2yo, 4 ½ F
 - Race 4 (6:27 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 2yo, 5 ½ F
 - Race 8 (8:23 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, f&m, 1 M
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny and hot, 97. 20% showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (3-8:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- **Scheduled Racing:** 9 Races; Day 31 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 93.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-5:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com
- **Radio:** “Inside Churchill Downs” on ESPN 680/105.7 (6-7 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (DOWNS AFTER DARK)

- **Scheduled Racing:** 11 Races; Day 32 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 4 p.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 6-11:10 p.m.
- **Stakes Racing:** \$160,000 Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GII Santa Maria (SA); GIII Poker (Bel); GIII Salvator Mile (Mth); GIII Monmouth (Mth); GIII Eatontown (Mth)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 89.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$14), Reserved Seating (\$17), Reserved Dining (\$82)
- **TV:** FS1 (1-3:30 p.m.), FS2 (3:30-7 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 (FATHER'S DAY)

- **Scheduled Racing:** 10 Races; Day 33 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:26 p.m.
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GIII San Juan Capistrano (SA); GIII American (SA)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$54)
- **TV:** FS1 (12:30-3 p.m.), FS2 (3-5 p.m.), FS1 (5-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

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